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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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### **FY 2019 Supplemental Funding for Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grantees**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of the availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to make available approximately \$8 million to provide supplemental funds to Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) cooperative agreements previously awarded competitively under section 104(k)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). EPA will consider awarding supplemental funding only to RLF grantees who have demonstrated an ability to deliver programmatic results by making at least one loan or subgrant. The award of these funds is based on the criteria described at CERCLA 104(k)(5)(A)(ii).

The Agency is now accepting requests for supplemental funding from RLF grantees. Requests for funding must be submitted to the appropriate EPA Regional Brownfields Coordinator (listed below) by May 6, 2019. Funding requests for hazardous substances and/or petroleum funding will be accepted. Specific information on submitting a request for RLF supplemental funding is described below and additional information may be obtained by contacting the EPA Regional Brownfields Coordinator.

**DATES:** This action is applicable **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** A request for supplemental funding must be in the form of a letter addressed to the appropriate Regional Brownfields Coordinator (see listing below) with a copy to Rachel Congdon, [congdon.rachel@epa.gov](mailto:congdon.rachel@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Rachel Congdon, U.S. EPA, (202) 566-1564 **or** the appropriate Brownfields Regional Coordinator.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **BACKGROUND**

The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act added section 104(k) to CERCLA to authorize federal financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, including grants for assessment, cleanup and job training. Section 104(k) includes a provision for EPA to, among other things, award grants to eligible entities to capitalize Revolving Loan Funds and to provide loans and subgrants for brownfields cleanup. Section 104(k)(5)(A)(ii) authorizes EPA to make additional grant funds available to RLF grantees for any year after the year for which the initial grant is made (noncompetitive RLF supplemental funding) taking into consideration:

- (I) the number of sites and number of communities that are addressed by the revolving loan fund;
- (II) the demand for funding by eligible entities that have not previously received a grant under this subsection;
- (III) the demonstrated ability of the eligible entity to use the revolving loan fund to enhance remediation and provide funds on a continuing basis; and

(IV) such other similar factors as the [Agency] considers appropriate to carry out this subsection.

**Eligibility:**

In order to be considered for supplemental funding, grantees must demonstrate that they have significantly depleted funds (both EPA grant funding and any available program income) and that they have a clear plan for utilizing requested additional funds in a timely manner. Grantees must demonstrate that they have made at least one loan or subgrant prior to applying for this supplemental funding and have significantly depleted existing available funds. For FY2019, EPA defines “significantly depleted funds” as uncommitted, available funding is 25% or less of total RLF funds awarded under all open and closed grants and cannot exceed \$600,000. For new RLF recipients with an award of \$1 million or less, funds will be consider significantly depleted if the uncommitted or available funding does not exceed \$300,000. Additionally, the RLF recipient must have demonstrated a need for supplemental funding based on, among other factors, the list of potential projects in the RLF program pipeline; demonstrated the ability to make loans and subgrants for cleanups that can be started, completed, and will lead to redevelopment; demonstrated the ability to administer and revolve the RLF by generating program income; demonstrated an ability to use the RLF grant to address funding gaps for cleanup; and demonstrated that they have provided a community benefit from past and potential loan(s) and/or subgrant(s). EPA encourages innovative approaches to maximize revolving and leveraging with other funds, including use of grants funds as a loan loss guarantee, combining with other government or private sector lending resources. Applicants for supplemental funding must contact the appropriate Regional Brownfields Coordinator below to obtain information on the format for supplemental funding applications for their region. When requesting

supplemental funding, applicants must specify whether they are seeking funding for sites contaminated by hazardous substances and/or petroleum. Applicants may request both types of funding.

### REGIONAL CONTACTS

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